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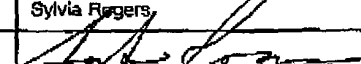
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Title: Method and Computer
Software for Products Determining
Orientation of Sequence Clusters

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the November 14, 2003 Restriction Requirement, the Examiner is requiring a restriction election between the following groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-8 and 17-24, drawn to a computerized system and method for determining biological sequence characteristics, classified in class 702, subclass 20.
- II. Claims 9-16, drawn to a computerized method for designing nucleic acid probe arrays, classified in class 702, subclass 20 and class 435, subclass 174.
- III. Claims 25-32, drawn to a computerized system for characterizing a biological sequence, classified in class 702, subclass 20.

Applicants hereby elect the claims in Group I (claims 1-8 and 17-24) without traverse for further prosecution in the above application. Applicants reserve the right to re-present non-elected claims in a divisional or other related application.

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